

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/826,050

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1746

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7,8 and 16-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 04/16/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Colligan on 10/26/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, paragraph [0001], line 2, after "2002", ---, now U.S. Patent No. 6,742,531"---has been inserted.

Claims 6 and 9-15 have been cancelled.

In claim 1, line 5, after "comprising", ---"the steps of"----has been inserted.

In claims 4, 18, line 1, after, "step", "of mixing detergent and water to form a liquid for spraying" has been deleted, and ----" where liquid comprising a mixture of detergent and water is sprayed"-----has been inserted.

In claims 18, 19, line 2, before "peripheral", "the" has been changed to read "a", and after "wall", ---"of the wash chamber" ---has been inserted.

In claim 21, line 2, before "closure", "the" has been changed to read "a".

2. Claims 1-5, 7-8, and 16-21 are allowed.
3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Reichold (6,551,414) discloses automatic system and method for removing mineral deposits from a dishwasher. Altenschopfer et al. (4,465,612) disclose process for cleaning and maintaining the interior surfaces of a mechanical dishwasher.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
The prior art of record failed to teach a method for cleaning an in-sink dishwasher comprising a bowl having a bottom wall and a peripheral side wall forming a wash chamber, a basket received within the wash chamber for holding dishes to be washed, a sprayer carried by the basket for spraying liquid through out the wash chamber to clean the dishes, and a liquid supply for supplying liquid to the sprayer, the method comprising

uncoupling the liquid supply from the sprayer; spraying liquid against the peripheral side wall from the liquid supply; and draining the sprayed liquid from the wash chamber as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zeinab E. EL-Arini whose telephone number is (571) 272-1301. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr can be reached on (571) 272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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